



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## Public Notice

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The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received an application for renewal and modification of water pollution control discharge permit # NEV87034 from the following applicant:

Nevada Department of Corrections  
3955 W. Russell Rd.  
Las Vegas, NV 89118-2316

The Permittee operates a wastewater treatment facility located at the Ely Maximum State Prison 10 miles NNW of Ely, NV in White Pine County. The existing wastewater treatment facility consists of two lined partial-mix ponds and four rapid infiltration basins. To address historical flow, effluent and groundwater limit exceedances at this facility, the Permittee has commenced construction of a fixed-film reactor upgrade to improve effluent quality and reduce nitrogen in the effluent prior to groundwater discharge. The Permittee has requested a flow limit of 300,000 gallons per day (monthly average) for this upgrade, which will serve an inmate and staffing population of 1,750. The permit conditions require quarterly monitoring to verify compliance with the permit requirements. The Division has made the tentative determination to issue the proposed permit conditions for a five (5) year term.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand-delivered, e-mailed, faxed or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. PST on Thursday, December 4, 2008, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Water Pollution Control  
901 S. Stewart St, Suite 4001  
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249

The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public

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hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time. The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Mark A. Kaminski, P.E., Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9424, or via e-mail at: [mkaminsk@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:mkaminsk@ndep.nv.gov). The office fax number is (775) 687-4684. The fact sheet for this permit can be viewed at the following website: <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>

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